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SUBJECT: REPORTED CANCELLATION OF TRADE MISSION APPOINTMENTS

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IT APPEARS SOMEONE IN MIN POWER, TRANSPORT AND WORKS
REACTED TO TIMES APRIL 21 EDITORIAL ALLEGING US "SNUB"
OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA (REFTEL) BY DECIDING ALL APPOINTMENTS
ARRANGED FOR US RAILWAY EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION WITH GOVT
ENTITIES SHOULD BE CANCELLED. WE CONFIRMED WITH MOFA
WHICH ASSURED US NO SUCH DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN AND MISSION
FREE TO CONTINUE WITH APPOINTMENTS AS PLANNED. MOFA
INFORMED ZAMBIA NEWS AGENCY WHICH KILLED STORY AS FAR AS
IT WAS CONCERNED. TRADE MISSION WORK HAS PROCEEDED
WITHOUT HITCH OR HINDERANCE, DESPITE ARTICLE IN TIMES TODAY
APRIL 22 STATING GRZ HAD CANCELLED MISSION'S APPOINTMENTS
IN RETALIATION FOR ALLEGED "SNUB" OF PRESIDENT. AFTER
SEEING TIMES STORY, MOFA UNDERSECRETARY MANDA TELEPHONED
EMBASSY TO RECONFIRM THERE NO CONSTRAINTS ON GRZ ENTITIES'
CONTRACT WITH TRADE MISSION.
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